

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 125

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Andrew M. Williams as the National Safety Council 2013 Defensive Driving Course Instructor of the Year.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those outstanding Tennesseans whose professional excellence has a direct bearing on the safety of Tennessee's highways and the citizens of this State and nation who travel those highways; and

WHEREAS, Andrew M. Williams of Nashville is one such esteemed Tennessean, who has served as president and executive director of the Tennessee Regional Safety Council since 1992. He is lead instructor and master trainer of the agency's defensive driving programs, and was chosen by his peers from a pool of 9,000 instructors worldwide as 2013 Defensive Driving Instructor of the Year; additionally for 2013, he received the Defensive Driving-8 Instructor of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, he has previously received honors as the National Safety Council's Defensive Driving-8 Instructor of the Year for 2011 and as Defensive Driving-4 Instructor of the Year for 2010; and

WHEREAS, with presentation of this lofty organization's awards coming at the National Safety Council Congress held annually in the fall of the year following the nomination, Andrew Williams now stands as a nominee for Defensive Driving-4 Instructor of the Year for 2014 and is in the running for that year's overall Instructor of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has an impressive array of life experiences that have given him unique insights and effective strategies he successfully applies in teaching drivers to change attitudes, behaviors, and habits to become safer drivers; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Vanderbilt University, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, Andrew Williams served as a petty officer in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1976 until 1981; he spent sixteen years as a law enforcement officer with the Metro Nashville Police Department, from which he retired in 1987 at the rank of detective sergeant; and

WHEREAS, he was next employed by Det Distributing Company between 1987 and 1990, where he trained employees on safety and human resource laws and regulations governing the malt beverage industry; and

WHEREAS, pursuing a new career in highway safety and driver training that would yield more than 50,000 drivers trained over the next twenty-six years, Mr. Williams established the Tennessee Regional Safety Council and penned curricula for several defensive driving courses; and

WHEREAS, not only have his instructional skills been applied in classroom settings, Mr. Williams has written rules and regulations that set standards for the teaching of traffic school courses in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Williams is a learned and disciplined man who has used his professional expertise and experiential knowledge to intentionally and positively influence the safety of drivers on our highways; he has excelled in his work and has, thereby, been recognized and applauded roundly; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body recognize this fine Tennessean at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and applaud Andrew M. Williams upon his paramount recognition by the National Safety Council as the 2013 Defensive Driving Instructor of the Year, thank him for his dedicated service to making drivers more safe on our highways, and extend to him our best wishes for success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.